

## Henry IV Part 2 abbreviated

Act 4, Scene 3

### Introspection

**Situation:** With his sons and his lords gathered around him, providing him with good news and offering comfort, Henry IV asks to be carried to his bed, at which point all those around him exit, except Prince Harry.

THOMAS: Let us withdraw into the other room.

WARWICK: Will 't please your Grace to go along with us?

PRINCE: No, I will set and watch here by the king.

All but the prince and king exit.

### Prince Harry to himself, No. 2

Why doth the crown lie there on his pillow  
When so troublesome as a bedfellow,  
When it the cause of disturbance that keeps  
The ports of slumber open on many  
Watchful nights? This tormenting crown that reaps  
Safety doth scald the bearer like heavy  
Armor. His sleep the sound of angel's wings  
That hath divorced this crown from English kings.  
I shall with heavy tears and filial  
Tenderness honor the plenteously  
In grief of the blood. This imperial  
Crown which by birth derives itself to me  
Shall not by force be taken. This from thee  
Will I to mine leave, as 'tis left to me.

Prince Harry puts on the crown.

PRINCE: This from thee will I to mine leave, as 'tis left to me.

He exits with the crown. The king rises up in bed.

KING: Warwick! Gloucester! Clarence!

Warwick, Gloucester, Clarence and others enter.

KING: Why did you leave me here alone, my lords?